

**Remarks**

Applicants request that the present amendment be entered in the cited application. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-66 are pending.


This amendment to the claims is supported by the specification as filed and does not add new matter to the application. Specifically, embodiments of the invention that bond a permeable transport web of fibers to reinforcing fibers are reported in the specification at page 4, line 27 bridging to page 5, line 24. These embodiments provide a reinforcing mat that has longitudinal strength, shear strength and anti-skewing resistance to allow the reinforcing mat to be carried through a pultrusion die as reported in the specification at page 10, lines 1-4.

Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and are not anticipated or obvious in view of the references relied on by the Examiner in the previous office action dated August 14, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

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